

If no-re-roll $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{100} (1+2+3+\dots+100) = \frac{100 \times 101}{2 \times 100} = \boxed{50.5}$

If 1-re-roll, we will only re-roll if we obtain less than 50.5...

$$\begin{aligned} EV &= \frac{1}{100} (51+52+\dots+100) + \frac{50}{100} (50.5-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{100} \left(\frac{100 \times 101}{2} - \frac{50 \times 51}{2} \right) + \frac{49.5}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(101 - \frac{51}{2} \right) + \frac{49.5}{2} \\ &= \frac{75.5 + 49.5}{2} = \frac{125}{2} = \boxed{62.5} \end{aligned}$$

If 2-re-rolls, we will only re-roll if we obtain less than 62.5...

$$\begin{aligned} EV &= \frac{1}{100} (63+64+\dots+100) + \frac{62}{100} [62.5-1] \\ &= \frac{1}{100} \left(\frac{100 \times 101}{2} - \frac{62 \times 63}{2} \right) + \frac{62 \times 61.5}{100} = \frac{(10100 - 62 \times 63) + (62 \times 123)}{200} \\ &= \frac{\overset{50.5}{10100} + (62 \times \overset{3}{61.5})}{200} = \boxed{69.1} \end{aligned}$$

If 3-re-rolls, $\Rightarrow EV = 73.359$

If 4-re-rolls $\Rightarrow EV = 76.31207$

If 5-re-rolls $\Rightarrow EV = 78.477$

If 6-re-rolls $\Rightarrow EV = 80.1221951$

If 7-re-rolls $\Rightarrow EV = 81.3977561$

If 8-re-rolls $\Rightarrow EV = 82.4121824$

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✓ You get the idea!!

To gain intuition
from smaller
subproblems

Optimal Strategy to roll again if we roll $< (E-1)$.

$$P(\text{rolling} < E-1) = \frac{E-1}{100}$$

If we roll $> (E-1)$, we stop & take the money

$$E[\text{given that we roll} > E-1] = \left(\frac{(E-1) + 100}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \left(\frac{E-1}{100} \right)(E-1) + \left(\frac{(E-1) + 100}{2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{E-1}{100} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E = 86.85}$$

If we get any thing less than E , then re-roll, else take & go.

$$E = \left(\frac{E-1}{100} \right)(E-1) + \frac{1}{100} (E + (E+1) + \dots + 100)$$

$$\Rightarrow E^2 - 203E + 10102 = 0 \Rightarrow E = \frac{203 \pm \sqrt{801}}{2}$$

Collect if $X > a-1$ and roll again if $X \leq a-1$

$$a = \frac{1}{100} \left((a-1) \cdot a + \sum_{k=(a-1)+1}^{100} k \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{100} \left((a-1)a + \frac{(100 \cdot 101)}{2} - \frac{(a-1)(a)}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 87.3571 = \boxed{87 \frac{5}{14}} \Rightarrow \text{continue rolling until } > 87.$$

$$\Rightarrow E \approx \frac{203 \pm 20\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \approx 101.5 \pm 10\sqrt{2}$$

$$\approx 101.5 - 14.142$$

$$\approx \boxed{87.358} \text{ (good estimate)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E = \frac{1}{100} \sum_{x=1}^{100} \max(x, E-1)}$$